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On the 2nd instant, President Roosevelt issued his call for an especial session of the United States Senate to **Extra Session.** convene on the 5th, the present session coming to a close on the 4th at noon. The special purpose in the call of this extraordinary session is to do what has not yet been done—pass those bills that have to do with the Panama canal, and Cuban reciprocity.

To Senator Morgan, the venerable statesman from Alabama, belongs the honor, if it be an honor, of having defeated the passage of the Panama canal bill at the regular session. For twenty years he has favored an isthmian canal, but it has been via Nicaragua rather than by Panama. And, when it appeared recently, that his scheme for the canal was doomed, he resolved to talk the bill to death, which in connection with a number of other senators, he has succeeded in doing. By some he is condemned and by others he is praised.

While some men in this country have paid thousands, and may be millions of dollars for a seat in the United States Senate—and then some of them are still on the outside, where it is to be hoped they will forever remain—it is refreshing to know that Senator Pettus, from Alabama, continues to pay his usual \$2.00 for his seat, and not one cent more. In the good State of Alabama, a United States Senator's certificate of election costs the small fee of two dollars, which the senior Senator pays, provided the Secretary of State will accept, and that is all it costs him in the case of Pettus.

If you would increase your happiness and prolong your life, forget your neighbor's faults. Forget the slander you have heard. **Things to Forget.** Forget the temptations. Forget peculiarities of your friends, and only remember the good points which make you fond of them. Forget all personal quarrels or histories you may have heard by accident. Blot out as far as possible all the disagreeables of life; they will come, but they will grow larger when you remember them, and the constant thought of the acts of meanness will only tend to make you more familiar with them. Obliterate everything disagreeable from yesterday; start out with a clean sheet for today, and write upon it only loving things.—The Trumpeter.

"It is with no disposition to stir up controversy that we so often refer to the Baptist position regarding the mode and subjects of baptism, but because this ordinance, in its Scriptural form, so impressively symbolizes the momentous doctrines of the death and resurrection of our Lord, and of the believer's death to sin and rising again to newness of life. The church suffered a great disaster when false views of this divinely ordained rite superseded those of Apostolic days. Our fathers' steadfast witness to the truth, in the face of persecution, obloquy and contempt, has brought a large proportion of Protestant Christians to a more spiritual perception of the nature of a New Testament church; but until all evangelical churches restore the ordinance to its Scriptural form and acknowledge that believers only are proper subjects of it, we cannot withhold our testimony concerning it without infidelity to truth."

It cannot fail of interest to our readers, to recall that Judge J. A. L. Campbell of this city, who celebrated his 73rd birthday on the 2nd inst., is the only surviving member of the provisional congress which met in Montgomery, Ala., on February 4, 1861, and resolved the Southern States into the Confederate States of America, and Jefferson Davis was unanimously elected its president. Dr. J. L. M. Curry, in a book he wrote a few years ago mentioned the fact that he and Judge Campbell were the only living members of that memorable body. Now, that Dr. Curry has been gathered unto his fathers, Judge Campbell alone of that intelligent, patriotic assembly remains.

Dr. Curry was 78 years of age, being Judge Campbell's senior by five years. The Judge is in reasonable health, but retired from the active duties of life several years ago. We trust he may have given to him several years yet of good health and enjoyment of life. Judge Campbell has held several positions of distinction and honor among his fellow-citizens in this great old commonwealth of ours.

The whole country was startled a few days ago, on learning that for years, a Philadelphia firm has been enjoying a big trade in making idols and shipping them to heathen lands. They say a "Buddha" made in America is worth more than one made in England, or India, or anywhere else. And so it comes to pass for

this reason, that a great business has grown up between this country and some others in the way of images for sacred uses. The same boat that carries missionaries to India also carries along a shipment of American-made idols. It is claimed that it is in keeping with good commerce and business to do this, provided there is a demand for such "articles of trade," and so long as the government does not undertake to say that so much of the image is wood and so much deity. The whole thing is too shocking to think about. But it is not any worse, if indeed it is as bad, as shipping "rum" from Boston to Africa. Our trade in images may become as great as the trade in rum has become. In this connection *The Commoner* makes the suggestion that while Americans may never worship at the shrine of Buddha, they are very busy now paying their devotions to "Dollah"—the thing that is said in the revised version of the Bible to be a root to all kinds of evils.

In response to an inquiry from the editor of the Atlanta Constitution, the President has written a letter, explaining why he has appointed negroes to office. **The President's Southern Policy.** He offers no apology. Says he has made the best appointments that have ever been made, and appointed fewer negroes than any of his predecessors, and then only upon the recommendation of Southern white men, who are, some of them, Democrats, and most of them Confederate soldiers. He concludes by saying: "In view of all these facts, I have been surprised and somewhat pained at what seems to me the incomprehensible outcry in the South against my actions—an outcry apparently started in New York, for reasons wholly unconnected with the questions nominally at issue." But here is where the President is mistaken. The "outcry" of which he complains did not originate in New York—it had an echo in New York, but its origin was in the South. Every section of the Southland groans under the fearful wounds received at the hands of the foremost citizen of this republic. His mother having been a Southern woman, we of the South expected better things at his hands, and are "surprised" and "pained" beyond the power of words to express at his conduct, which is more reprehensible than that of his predecessors, for he is supposed to have enjoyed opportunities that they did not. And for him to speak of "My action in upholding the law at Indianola" is ridiculous. There is not a more law-abiding people between the two great oceans than the people of Indianola, Mississippi. And the President's treatment of them is simply uncalled for.

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## Moderation.

"Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the will of God," made a sensible remark when he said, "Let your moderation be known unto all men." Moderation is a mark of good sense. A really sensible person cannot be an extremist. There is an angularity in the character of extremists that is uncomfortable, and sometimes revolting to a well-poised mind. It is a well established physiological as well as psychological fact that one easily swings from one extreme to the other, and it has been suggested that "A rolling stone gathers no moss." The man who keeps in the middle of the road, avoiding the risks of driving too close to the limits, is the safe man.

Moderation is a mark of solidity. One who goes to one extreme is likely to go to the other, and in hopping from one extreme to the other presents a fine spectacle of instability and flaccidity. Flabbiness and softness are not likely to "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

Again: Moderation is the precursor of safety. We are accustomed to think of a temperate man in the broadest sense, as a level-headed, well-poised man—a safe man. That person who takes it moderately will accomplish more in the run of a year than he who goes by fits and jerks. Not only is moderation in physical and mental efforts to be commended, but it should be the golden thread holding the even tenor of its way in every ramification of life—in every thought, word and deed.

This principle should hold a prominent place always and everywhere. We always feel somewhat uncomfortable and indulge in some misgivings, when two persons even if they are just married, are too demonstrative in their affections one for the other. There is real danger that such temperaments will, under very slight provocation, bound to the other extreme.

It sometimes occurs, that our churches and pastors in their love for, and appreciation of, each other, become intolerably intemperate in their expressions for each

other. The strongest and most abiding attachment does not assume the form of continued, fulsome praise, but is modest, temperate. The husband who speaks oftenest and strongest in public, of his wife's beauties and other fine qualities is in real danger of allowing her to pine away from sheer lack of treatment that would justify his often-repeated protestations. Usually when the pastor is continuous and loud in the praises of his church, or the church of him, things are about ripe for a "move." The most beautiful course in life is characterized by modesty and moderation—these words verge close upon each other here.

When a church and pastor begin to hang upon each other too much, so that the outside world begins to feel that they have formed a sure-enough mutual admiration society, there is positive danger in the situation—there may be a resignation. Sometimes the pastor offers his own resignation and sometimes the church offers it for him.

We are convinced that friends ought not to be too extravagant in their protestations of affection and appreciation. We are equally sure that they should not be violent in their expressions of disapproval. In these two cases the same principle is operative, one in one direction and the other in another. When moderation is the ballast, there is safety, permanent good-will and thrift. Moderation is the safety value of the machinery of the universe, and of every individual life as well. There can be no average success, to say nothing about excellence, in any life where this principle is wanting. It is the life's training master. "Be ye therefore temperate."

## Notes and Comments.

Ninety-nine thousand "Leopard's Spots" have been sold and the demand is steadily on the increase. It is being translated into the German tongue so that the world might understand what the South endured after the war-drum ceased to beat and battle-flag was furled.

In Dr. Hackett's article in the issue of February 19, "Is God Our Children's Father," in the 18th line from top in middle column, the words, "in authority or liberality," should be in *authority or reliability*; and in the 16th line from the bottom of the same column, instead of "parental regeneration," it should read *prenatal regeneration*.

Everybody who is at all conversant with the educational status of the different sections of our great country knows that the best public school teachers in the world are found in the schools of the South. They are not only well educated, but they are of the first families of the land. Moreover and best of all, nearly every one of them is a Christian of worth and standing in his or her community.

The "poor whites" of the South are not the only people of the earth that are to be pitied. The papers last week told us of

some "poor whites" in one of the New England States, and not very far from Boston either, where polygamy was pretty generally practiced, in several counties, "remote" of course from the "centers" of civilization. The "poor whites" of the South have never gotten that low down in the scale of civilization yet, no not even in the "remote" corners of our population.

In speaking of the Truett meeting in Louisville, the Courier-Journal said of the preacher that "he is as utterly devoid of cheap sensationalism and the coarse abuse of some peripatetic evangelists as he is free from the worn platitudes of the shallow exhorter," in which remark every preacher will find something worth his attention. Exhortation is good, but the "shallow" exhorter is about as abominable as the "coarse" sensationalist.

It was our pleasure a fortnight ago to preach at Mt. Helm Church (colored), this city, upon the invitation of its pastor, Rev. T. L. Jordan, who is one of the ablest colored preachers in the State. It was the occasion of his first anniversary as pastor. One year ago there were 40 members; now there are 130. A collection was taken of \$29.80. This is the oldest colored church in Mississippi. It is to be hoped that Bro. Jordan can remain with this church.

While the educational society is all right, we agree with the Presbyterian Standard of North Carolina that "until it can command more than \$125,000 a year to spend in the whole South, while at the same time many of our southern States are spending a million and more each on our public schools alone, what the societies are doing is not a drop in the bucket," and unless it be a forerunner of the millions to follow it is hardly worth mentioning.

Pastor Price returned Wednesday night from Edwards, sick with cold, which tact cut the meeting short several days. He reports the meeting as being one of the best in which he has been engaged. The weather was ideal, the people cordial and responsive to the appeals of the gospel. There were nine accessions, four for baptism and five by letter, with several others concerned. Pastor Maum is hard at work and enjoys the support of some of the best people in the land, and of course he is encouraged.

George Truett says that, on reaching the Broadway church, where he recently held a meeting, the first persons whom he met were the deacons in a body save all but two whose absence was explained to him on account of necessary absence from the city. He says the deacons were the ushers all during the meeting seating the multitudes, speaking to the unconverted and looking after the little things in the meeting generally. And yet there are churches whose deacons do not find anything to do at all. He who serves in the office of a deacon well is justly regarded as one of the most useful servants in the Lord's vineyard.

A few days ago a well-dressed, good-looking young man blundered into our office in a state of intoxication. In his deep penitence and humiliation, he said, pointing to the Elks' Club Room, "there's where I made my first fatal step. Nearly all Elks drink, some only a little, and some very much. Liquor is one of the staple articles of the concern. The Elks got me drunk last night in Yazoo City, Elks have kept me drunk here today." More is the danger that this club poses as a decent institution, existing for the uplifting of humanity, socially, intellectually, and morally. *Mirabile dictu.*

We are much gratified to find from our exchanges and from many private letters, that all shades of opinions in prohibition ranks are beautifully blending into one true blue color of unity. There are, to be sure, a few discordant utterances, but they are very few, and in the main weak. We have passed the stage of the discussion of methods now. The platform has been laid. Every person who desires State-wide prohibition, should step upon the platform and work, or hold his peace. Anything now that is not straight-out co-operation will inevitably prove a hindrance.

Rev. John Gano was a chaplain in the Revolutionary army. One day while they were at Valley Forge, General Washington, who had attended his preaching services regularly, came to him and said, "Chaplain Gano, I have been listening to you preach, and reading thy Testament, and I believe that immersion is the baptism taught in the word of God, and I want you to immerse me. I don't want any parade made about it—I don't wish the army called out—but just a quiet administration of the ordinance." And in the presence of "forty-two" of the patriots, Gano baptized the "father of his country." If a man has it in his heart to become obedient unto God in all things, it will be difficult for him to read the New Testament without going and doing likewise.

*Pastoral Leadership of Sunday-school Forces*, is the title of a series of addresses delivered by A. F. Schauffler, D. D., in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary recently. The Sunday-school Board is publishing these lectures in neat book form. It is well bound in cloth, 12 mo., 200 pages; postpaid 50 cents. Introduction by Prof. John R. Sampey, D. D., LL. D. The subjects of the seven lectures are: 1. What we Teach; 2. How we Teach; 3. Whom we Teach; 4. Why we Teach; 5. Adjuncts in Teaching; 6. Bird's-Eye View of the Book of Acts; 7. Management of Teacher's Meeting. This book will soon be off the press, and ready for delivery. We have the promise of the first 100. So send along your orders with the cash and your names will be registered in the order received and filled accordingly. This book cannot fail to prove of untold help to pastors in leading their Sunday-schools to higher planes. It and Dr. W.

E. Hatcher's work on the Pastor and Sunday-school ought to be side-by-side in every pastor's library.

## What the Signs of Promise Are?

That is a great old hymn which incorporates these words, and ought to be sung oftener by our churches as they go about the Lord's work. It is a good thing now and then to take our bearings and see what we are doing, as well as what we propose doing. We started in for the best year's work of our history. Are we accomplishing it? Are the signs indicative of better things and larger in our service? Is there growth that rejoices the weary watcher on the walls of Zion? Here are some comparative figures that will bring something of joy to many who love the cause of our God in all of its departments, and will no doubt nerve us to do better as we see the work prospering in our hands.

To February 1st, of this year, my book shows that we have made an advance in all lines of effort except one. In State Missions the advance over last year's work is \$613.67, in Foreign Missions the advance is \$913.91, in Home Missions \$1,081.71, in General Missions \$460.89 and in Sustentation \$242.02, while in Church Building there has been a decline of \$69.00, making a general average of advance of \$3,045.18. All along the lines the workers are putting out their strength. We are hopeful that as the spring opens and the churches can be better represented in meetings these signs of promise will brighten, until we reach the mark of a high calling. Oh that those words so often sung may take on new meaning.

I love Thy Church, O God,  
Her walls before me stand;  
Dear as the apple of mine eye,  
And graven on Thy hand.  
For her my tears shall fall,  
For her my prayers ascend;  
To her my cares and toils be given,  
Till toils and cares shall end.

The great mission months are now come, and there will be the sound of a gong in the tops of the trees as our people once more rally to the cause of Him whose we are and whom we serve.

Water Valley has spoken for Foreign Missions with \$148.00 and then in pity of the old preachers sent the largest contribution to that fund that we ever had at one time from one church. How it did gladden the hearts of the old people when along with the drafts I sent the love and appreciation of this noble church for their labors and sacrifices.

Hazlehurst is taking missions in broken doses, but the aggregate of contributions is thereby being enlarged. Their last remittances put the figures for Home and Foreign Missions at \$163.33. Her neighbor south sent on a part of the contribution that was raised, saying there was more to follow, and this earnest from Wesson is \$50.42.

Poplar Springs is where they have a missionary preacher by the name of Beasley, and where they vie with each other in pushing the good cause of missions as wit-

ness \$46.74, and hard by with the same pastor is Sherman, where the same spirit prevails and the people are happy in giving \$50.72 to Foreign Missions. Down near the little town of West's and yet so far away as that a number are not able to attend church, but do attend a Bible class under one of the best women in our Zion, and this class sent \$33.65, to be used in blessing the world in different directions. Over at Clinton they do say that Lipsey believes in all sorts of missions, and they begin the new year with an offering of \$125.50, and say that this is not all. Our hearts are always turning to Clinton, and we are happy at the news of 299 boys enrolled, with a good sprinkling of girls as well in the sister school, and then God has been gracious, in bringing into his family a number of the bright young people of which we are also glad. We never find the Blue Mountain people behind in any good work, and so here is their offering to God for Foreign Missions of \$143.80. Well here are figures from a country church down in the Piney Woods, but they love the cause of missions and sustentation and have sent already \$62.00 and have just begun their work. They are always at it, for the reason that Miley is always at it. Close beside him in earnest work is that gallant soldier who though afflicted still stands by the cause, and does more with one leg than many a man is doing with two, and that because he loves the cause of Christ. No man among us is more regular in taking collections for the work of our Lord. We will miss the reports of some of the work of both these men, for the reason that they are serving churches that work with the General Association. Hattiesburg comes to the front with \$100.00 for State Missions and says there is \$200.00 still to come! Mountain Creek sends \$30.00 and says more to follow, while at Steen's Creek the offering for State Missions was \$104.00. Ah how it does one good to go among these churches and see their readiness for every good work, and forget in their simple Baptist faith sharing, that there are others of a different notion. I look with hope on their young men and women of whom these woods are full and see in them mighty factors for our development, both in spiritual and temporal matters. Let me beg pastors and churches to make use of every Sunday that you can in these days for the dissemination of missionary information, and making missionary collections. We want our figures to go far ahead this year, and that for His sake whom we love, whose is the power, the glory and honor.

A. V. ROWE.

The best preparation for the day is a season of communion with God. It may be necessarily brief, but need not for that reason be perfunctory. Whether long or short, let it be a genuine outpouring of the heart to God and a humble listening for His voice. The uplifting influence of such intercourse with the Father will fill and glorify the day, however hard its toil or perplexing its cares.—Sel



## Prohibition.

J. B. MURPHY.

THE BAPTIST truth said last week "the prohibition of the liquor traffic is easily the liveliest question before the citizenship of our great State today." A great tidal wave of prohibition sentiment is sweeping over our country as never before. The consensus of expression by the people of the whole country "the saloon must go." It never had any inherent right to exist. It has only been tolerated. But its effects have been evil and only evil, and that continuously. The Supreme Court of the United States says:

"By the general concurrence of opinion of every civilized and Christian Community, there are few sources of crime and misery to society equal to the dram shop, where intoxicating liquors in small quantities, to be drunk at the time, are sold indiscriminately to all parties applying. The statistics every State show a greater amount of crime and misery attributable to the use of ardent spirits obtained at these retail liquor saloons than to any other source. The sale of such liquors in this way has, therefore, been at all times, by the courts of every State, considered as the proper subject of legislative regulation. Not only may a license be exacted from the keeper of a saloon before a glass of his liquors can be thus disposed of, but restrictions may be imposed as to the class of persons to whom they be sold, and the hour of the day and the days of the week on which the saloon may be opened. Their sale in that form may be absolutely prohibited. It is a question of public expediency and public morality, and not of Federal law. The police power of the State is fully competent to regulate the business, to mitigate its evils, or to suppress it entirely."

This decision recognizes the fact that statistics show that the saloon is the greatest crime-breeder in the world. This is not the utterance of a preacher or a temperance lecturer, but from the highest legal tribunal of the greatest nation in the world. This court says of the liquor traffic, "It is a question of public expediency and public morality and not of Federal law." This is bringing the issue down to a fine point. Who can affirm the public expediency of the liquor traffic? Does it increase health and longevity of men? The opposite is true. Does it bring prosperity to our towns, cities and country? This claim is sometimes made by liquor dealers, but facts overwhelmingly refute them. A leading business man in Jackson, who for years supported the whisky traffic, told me some days ago that he was thoroughly convinced that the liquor traffic had been a great injury to the prosperity of Jackson, that it is only since the whisky traffic has been prohibited in that city that she has made substantial strides towards prosperity. What is true of Jackson is true of many other towns and cities in our State. Not to mention the church, the school and the saloon as anti-poses. If "expediency" demands public education, for that reason,

it demands the prohibition of liquor traffic. Does "expediency" lend its aid to the liquor traffic in order to prepare artisans and skilled workmen in our factories and our thoroughfares? No. Those in charge of these corporations are prohibitionists in fact. The liquor traffic if indulged in indiscriminately, would ruin their business.

But what of the relation of the saloon to "public morals?" On this point, the liquor men themselves—abandoned as they are—would not claim the saloon as a moralizer. Many of them hate the business, as some of them have been frank enough to tell me in this city, they only follow it "for revenue only." The business offers a fine margin of profit for their investment, and as long as the people will tolerate them they will continue the traffic feeling that it is not their job to look after the morals of the community, but only after their profits. There is no reason on earth why the saloon should be tolerated. It would be a kindness to the dealers themselves to close up their business. Then they might put their money in something better and possibly come to live pure lives instead of dragging out the existence of the debauchee and going to an awful torment at last.

With our forces now united in object, and in plan, we have nothing to do but to trust the Lord and press on to victory. If ever there was a righteous campaign we are in it, and in it to win.

## Religious Papers—Their Object and Rights.

BY L. F. GREGORY.

Religious papers are necessities. Without them our work would be greatly hindered and much suffering of it would be seen all along the line of movement.

The object of a religious paper therefore is to be a help to the cause which it represents. Then its object is to instruct the people along certain lines, especially is this true with the subject of missions, become an agent in the hands of the denomination to promote the denomination's interest.

The sphere of a paper's work in a sense is limited, i. e., it is supposed to do a certain work in a certain territory. All papers wherever they are and wherever they go represent a general interest and to that end are valuable, but they have special interests and beyond that their sphere of usefulness is limited.

Each State has its own work and interest and there may be conditions which are peculiar to it. These conditions must be met and looked after. For this purpose each State or a certain territory has its own paper or papers, and while these papers have much that is of general interest to all, yet they are supposed to set themselves to redressing of things in their own territory.

It is the duty of the denomination or each State to support its own paper, as long as it fosters the interest of the denomination. If its support does not come from the State in which it is and whose interest it is set to promote it must quit business. The paper is largely what the denomina-

tion of that State wants it to be or makes it. Its strength and influence increases in proportion as it is read, supported and demands made upon it. The outside will not go into a State and make the paper of the denomination of that State a great paper. The denomination of that paper must do it if it is done and there is no better way of beginning than by taking the paper. Let it be tried.

While there is duty owed the paper, the paper owes none. The paper should become the very best paper possible. It should be able to meet all reasonable demands and able to address itself to any interest of its constituents. Its duty is to have a great purpose and a lofty conception of its duty.

Since all papers contain much of general interest they have a right to go into any territory. It is well this is true, much is learned of what is being done and what is not being done elsewhere.

While this right has been accorded, it is not right that they shall expect to go for less than their face value. If they are worth face value in their own State they should be worth it in another. It is best for all concerned that an article maintain its value at least.

There are some reasons for this. To send a paper into another State at reduced rates is not justice to its real supporters. If anyone should have a discount, they should. In the second place it is unbidding another paper. Third, religious papers are not supposed to be in the field simply for a pecuniary interest. Fourth, there are some who are hardly able to take more than one paper, that being true they often take the one for the least money, and it not being identified with the work of the State says nothing about it, and hence those who take it are not made acquainted with the movements and great questions of their own work and State. Such cripples and interferes with the great evangelical movement. Let each paper be worth as much in dollars and cents away from home as at home. Though it be worth less to the pocket it will be worth more to the cause of Christ.

Hollandale, Miss.

## What a Missionary Experience will do.

1. The immediate effect of coming into a missionary experience is that you find yourself in concert with Christ in His life purpose, and the end for which he made his soul a sacrifice. By our yielding obedience to the missionary conviction, he shall see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied, and shall find the full power of the strong current of his life in us because we are in line with him. Thus is realized the truth of the "all power" and "I am with you." By fellowship with his sufferings we shall know the power of his resurrection.

2. It follows, as a matter of course, that in this way only can we understand the spirit and purpose of the gospel. The man who has not had the world vision doesn't know the nature of the gospel.

3. The missionary conviction brings you into the largest and most genuine fellowship with believers. It is the only thing upon which all can unite. By this the whole body of Christ is animated and made to feel the supreme enthusiasm of a common impulse and life. There is no life worth the name without fellowship, and in missions it finds its largest scope and exercise. This makes conventions and all means of co-operation possible and necessary. John says that fellowship makes our joy full. 1 John 1:3, 4.

4. The missionary experience brings you into the largest sympathy with the human race. "One touch of nature" doesn't seem to make the whole world conscious of its kinship. The headship of Christ, the purpose to enthrone him as Lord over all, is the only thing that makes men know their oneness. The purpose of God to sum up all things in the Christ makes the bond of brotherhood and leads us to feel another's woe. Outside of this the world is unmoved and callous of the needs and sufferings of men. Surely we can't afford to lose this larger, genuine sympathy for all mankind.

5. Another result is the fullest exercise of Christian benevolence. Nothing else demands it as the call to evangelize the world; any other appeal is limited, but this furnishes benevolence the utmost exercise and calls for its perfect development. If you believe in expansion of the soul, here it is.

6. It can be practically demonstrated that this is necessary to the attainment of ideal Christian character. The catalogue of the greatest in the kingdom of God, not only in service but in character, has at its head in every age the names of the missionaries. Look it over and find it so. Names come to you without my writing them. It was the missionary impulse that made them; they were formed by its spirit, most of them made perfect through suffering. We need it, we must have it if we attain to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

7. This it is able to do, because it works upon and cultivates the purest motives. The motive is the inward, the real man. The spirit of missions transforms by the renewing of the mind. It is the essence of unselfishness, godliness.

P. I. LIPSEY.

## Savannah and the Convention.

A statement regarding hotels and boarding houses in Savannah for the accommodation of delegates and visitors to the Southern Baptist Convention will be sent out in due time.

The beautiful Tybee Island and beach are just seventeen miles from Savannah. I have been requested to make arrangements for some to stop there. In compliance with this request I have made the following arrangements:

1. The Central of Georgia Railway Company will run a special train to Tybee at the close of the night sessions of the Convention, and from Tybee to Savannah

each morning after breakfast. The run will be made in thirty minutes. The fare will be twenty-five cents for the round trip.

2. Mr. Chas. F. Graham will open Hotel Tybee (which accommodates four hundred guests) if a large number wish to stop on the beach.

3. Mr. W. H. Bohan has cottages and a restaurant sufficient to accommodate eighty persons, which he will have opened if desired.

4. The rates will be one dollar for lodging and breakfast. The other meals can be had in Savannah for twenty-five cents to fifty cents each.

5. There will be other trains running to and from Tybee during the day on any of which the twenty-five cent tickets will be good.

6. This is a splendid arrangement for those who wish to spend their nights on the beach and enjoy the breeze and sea food. Those who wish to accept the proposition should write me on a postal card early as to the number of their party and the nights they would like to spend on the beach, so that all plans may be perfected for an ideal entertainment.

Fraternally.

JOHN D. JORDAN.

## Foreign Missions.

Less than two months remain of this Conventional year. Most of our churches wait their collections till just before the meeting of the convention. Occasionally rainy Sundays interfere with meetings and the collection fails. To avoid this the missionary collection ought not to be left till the last meeting day before the convention. Let our churches that have preaching only once a month see to it that the collection for missions is taken at least two meetings from the convention, and then it will give a fine opportunity to gather up the fragments on the last preaching day before the books close. Then in case of a rainy Sunday the missionary collection will be safe and the cause of the Master on that line will not suffer.

Our Foreign Mission work has been laid out on a larger scale than ever before. Our own State of Mississippi has been asked to enlarge her contribution to this object. In order to do so it will be necessary for us to have as far as possible a collection from every church in the State, and a contribution as far as possible from every member of each church. This ought to be the natural thing to expect. Why not? We are Missionary Baptist Churches in contradistinction to anti-Missionary or Omissionary. Then let us make good our claims by our acts.

It will depend very largely on the pastors of our churches to inspire and bring this matter before the people. Then Bro. Pastor, let us do our duty, and God will take care of the results. You may say your little church can do so little that it is not worth while to present the matter. It was the widow's two mites that challenged the Savior's admiration and caused Him to say she has done more than all.

Preach the best sermon you can on the

subject and take a collection and send it to Bro. A. V. Rowe, Winona, Miss., and he will forward it.

God bless our churches and pastors all over the State and give us a liberal offering to Foreign Missions is my sincere prayer.

W. A. McComb, Gloster.

## Our Wives.

Some days ago a clerical brother said to me "You have become famous on account of your wife." Now I had never once felt like I had attained to any degree of fame on any account. As to what my wife had accomplished it appears to me if anything famous had been reached she and she alone was entitled to all the honor that comes from being famous.

Now brethren, though not a preacher I can take a text and whether I reach logical conclusions from the premises laid down I leave you to judge. I know a preacher who has succeeded in business, as well as attained to eminence among men in the ministry whose wife has exerted no small influence over his life in the exercise of her own well trained mind.

I know a lawyer whose wife has largely been instrumental in his reaching the lofty and honorable legal position he now occupies. I know a United States Senator who will tell you of the invaluable service his wife rendered him. So wives contribute more to the success of their husbands than biographers are ready to recognize and proclaim to their readers. The brother referred to above could testify favorably in this behalf.

## The Clinton Meeting.

In spite of many obstacles we had a good meeting. Bro. Hale was sick and could only preach for us five days, but we carried the meeting on over two weeks and received thirty-two for baptism and about twenty by letter. Bro. Ellis preached for us once, Bro. Rowe once, Bro. McComb once, Bro. Landrum Leavell gave us a good address on personal work, Bro. Lowrey rendered excellent help by preaching frequently and the pastor preached when he couldn't get anybody else. The Lord was with us and the interest grew. We yet hope for more work and further results. Bro. Hale preaches a plain gospel which leaves no room for misunderstanding and the unsaved without excuse. Nowhere is Dr. Lowrey heard with more appreciation than at home. The weather was about as bad as we ever have it, and many were hindered in this way. We yet have a great work before us.

P. I. LIPSEY.

## A Note.

So glad you keep the Sunday-schools in Jackson before Mississippi Baptists. This will help mightily Bro. Landrum Leavell's Sunday-school work. If Baptists can be aroused to study God's Word daily, our denomination and the ministry will be helped as never before in the success of their work.

Yours fraternally,

F. R. CARLOSS.



## Sermon Preached at Salem Baptist Church.

W. H. WEBB.

[Preached by request.]

Text: "Our Father, which art in heaven." Matt. 6:9.

It is a common idea that the dearest word in our language is mother. It is not my desire to pluck one laurel from the brow of mother, but if I was asked to write the dearest word in our language, I would refrain, unless I should be allowed to write by mother's name that of father. I know that he has a different way of expressing his love to the child than mother. While she is in the home, training it from infancy to manhood, father is about his daily business looking after the child's temporal needs. His emotional nature is different. He has not the same way of expressing his joy when success meets the child as mother; nor of sorrow when misfortune befalls him. Because of this the child forms a misconception of father's love. I never realized that he loved me as tenderly as mother, until the morning they assembled at the gate to bid me good-bye when I left for college. Mother with tear-stained cheeks, gave me the parting kiss. I then turned to father, standing there like unto a statue, but in that hand-shake, with the words "May God's richest blessings be upon you, son," and with the prayer of your father while watching your every step." In that hand-shake and his trembling voice I realized as never before that in his heart there was a love for me, the depth of which I had never fathomed before. But dear hearers, I am not here to discuss the difference between the love of father and mother, but for us to consider the love of our Heavenly Father.

The subject of adoption is a broad one, and I would that I had the power to give you the essence of it this morning. While thinking of the human family as it exists, there are two classes: one God's by adoption, the other God's by creation, and you, my dear hearers, belong to one of these. This naturally leads us to a question: What caused the two classes? I will answer: 1st, sin; 2nd, the death of Christ. Sin was brought into existence by man's disobedience to the will of his "Creator." This awful act not only caused man to be driven from the bliss and purity of "Eden," but brought the everlasting separation of his posterity from God's presence. That was a dreadful crime committed that day and all we have fallen victims by inheritance and cannot lay claim to a home in heaven in our natural state, because no sin can pass through its portals.

I would have you, just for a moment, to take a view of our natural condition. God created our ancestors pure, without sin and placed around them all the luxuries of life, with only one restriction—the violation of which meant death. To satisfy an inborn nature, whether it was obedient or out of mere curiosity caused the violation. I will not stop to discuss, but the result was the same, death, everlasting, eternal death and all we like sheep have followed in their footsteps.

What a condition, no God with whom to commune, no home of peace and plenty in eternity. It was a world peopled with criminals, who had brought reproach against the high court of Heaven, with the sentence passed and only waiting the day of execution. While the human family was in this condition, with no way on our part to be reinstated into God's favor, He commendeth his love to us in that "He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Yes, sin brought a death penalty and God's only Son took it upon Himself to come into the world and die upon the cruel cross in order that God's holy law might be satisfied, and whosoever will, can be adopted into God's family.

O, what a glorious family is the one to whom all we belong, who have been washed in the blood of the Immaculate Son of God. He is our Father, who was so wise as to form this world in its grandeur together with the teaming constellations and to know all things from everlasting to everlasting; who is lovable as to make a way by which we can be adopted into His family, and be just and also the justifier of every child of His; who has such strength as to shield every child from the clutches of the one who deceived and brought to ruin the human race. Who can pluck one of these jewels from His hands? "I am persuaded," says Paul, "that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor heights, nor depths, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." If you belong to this family, you should not be ashamed of your heritage, but with a bright smile, you should proclaim God as your Father; Jesus Christ as your elder Brother; Heaven, with all its bliss, as your eternal home. Then, there are duties resting upon us as children of God. He would have us to be true representatives of His holiness, because men are reading the lives of His children, who will not read His Word. Christ commanded us "to be holy as He is holy." That is to let His life be our model, then, as did Paul, push for the mark of perfection in Christ Jesus. It pains me to see a boy leave home and misrepresent his parental instructions and trainings to the world. I well remember a school-mate of mine, who acted so badly I wondered if he ever received any instructions at home, and this caused me to form a disrespect for his parents, but shortly after school closed, I had the pleasure of spending a night in their home. I found that the boy had sadly misrepresented his dear old parents, and while under their influence, acted quite different—he was under parental influence at home. Then, if it be true that we should represent our earthly homes right, how much more should we strive to reflect credit and honor upon our Heavenly home? Dear men; do not form an opinion about God's purity, by the life of some one, like this boy, who has wondered from the holy ways of God, but just be present when

this wayward son reaches home, and then look at his life and you will exclaim indeed and in truth, "Christ was the propitiation for our sins." God does not only ask and expect us to live pure and holy, but He has a work for each of His to do.

I am not to know and to tell you what your work is, but I want to say just here, you have a specific work to do. God does not propose for His children to be idle and sit through this life on flowery beds of ease, and therefore He turned the evangelization of the world over in the hands of His children, with a command and promise: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. . . . Lo I am with you always, even unto the end." If the world is ever to be saved, it must be done by the people of God. I know that man cannot save man, but God ordained men to be used as instruments in His hands for the promotion of His kingdom.

"Then let no one hear you idly saying  
There's nothing I can do,  
For souls of millions are dying  
And the Master calls for you."

I do not know whether you have any idols in this church or not. If you have none, I doubly thank God for directing my feet this way so that I might have the pleasure of seeing one ideal church. O man, how can you be content with an idle life when your Father has done so much for you? What would you think and do in this spring, you should say to your sons, "I want you to well prepare the ground, plant good seed, and cultivate the growing plants so that I may reap a good crop when harvest comes; your sons go to your field and feast from its luxuries and abide under your protection but they do not sow the seed? You would become enraged and drive them from your presence. Still, you are satisfied to treat God's kind entreaties with utter contempt. Will you not awake, thou drowsy sluggard, and realize that the One who saved you from eternal punishment has a work for you? Then let us not be slothful but up and doing our part, for we should not make our record dark. Christ commands us not to say in our hearts there are yet four months, then comes the harvest, but look on the field it is white already. Let me emphasize, look! Look at your own neighborhood with the different faces dragging your friends and loved ones into hell; look at the leetle places in our State where the Gospel is needed; look into mid-ocean at the many islands peopled in darkness; yes, lift up your eyes and look over the world—then listen, and if you are a child of God you will hear ringing down the centuries, go, either in person, or by giving, to every nation and tell them "Christ died to save sinners."

I must hasten on lest I talk too long. In the best place, I should like to call your attention to the fact that God not only placed obligations on us, but for each obligation there is a corresponding privilege. The first I shall mention is to call him Father, notwithstanding our imperfect nature. I would that I could realize the full meaning this morning of looking to Him

and saying "My Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as in Heaven. Give me my daily bread and forgive me my debts as I forgive my debtors." Just here I should like to emphasize the fact that no other than one adopted into the family of God has this right. Let me use an illustration to show what I mean. Suppose I should go home tomorrow night and on the way I find two little boys in the cold. I would explain to them how they could become my brother and my father would be their father—one accepts the proposition; the other does not. Now the one can say father I am hungry, but the other cannot. Father administers to his wants because he is now his son, but should he give the other bread, it would be for suffering humanity, so it is with God.

Then again, we have the privilege of asking our Father for what we need, with the assurance that he will hear and answer our petitions, if they are for our good, if not, He will give us something better instead. I sat by the bedside of a dying boy one night and heard the earnest prayers of the mother. God heard her by taking the child and adopting her husband into His family.

My last thought is the privilege of calling heaven my home. "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself that where I am there you may be also. Yes, dear hearer, we should expect his coming at this moment, or this day.

I remember reading in the paper, where the Leavell family had a reunion some two years ago at Oxford. In my imagination, as I read it, I could see brother meet brother; sister meet sister, and then hear them laugh and talk of the successes and failures which had come to them since last they met, but evening came when laughter was turned into sadness at the word good-bye. This carried my mind into the future, when Christ would make His second advent into the world—not to have more into God's family, but to announce that God was ready for a union of His great family. As I thus pull back the curtain I can see Him leave His throne and hear the trumpet sound and see the dead of all ages and nations come from their long resting place and meet Him in the air. I see Him separate the two classes—those by creation on the one side and those by adoption on the other. I see those by His creation start for their everlasting doom, led by the devil and his angels, crying mercy, mercy, but the day of mercy had passed. Then Christ rises and leads His Father's family to heaven's bright home, and as they pass through the pearly gates, I hear them shouting glory, glory, glory. Lord God Almighty! O Man! O woman! In which crowd will you be?

ROXIE, Miss.

## Help Your Pastor.

BY J. B. QUIN.

There are a great many ways in which you can help your pastor and church, a

few of which I shall mention. (1.) By attending your church service. Nothing so discourages a pastor as an empty pew. It is very disappointing to a preacher to put forth his best efforts during the week to prepare a message for his people on Sunday and then find only a few of them at service; and those who need it most are absent. I wish every man and woman in our churches could realize that when they are away from service, they weaken the preacher's effort that day.

No, you say, I will not be missed today, so I will not go to church, but O my friend, remember what our Lord said—"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together." Heb. 10:15. These words are not to be ignored but remembered and practiced by every Christian. A large heap of burning coals makes a better fire than a small one. By being absent you miss your blessing and lessen that of others.

(2.) You can help by using your influence in getting others to attend. It is a deplorable fact that some of those whose names are on the church roll seldom, if ever, attend church services. The prayer-meeting—usually the best service—has no attraction at all, how they need reviving, the world has gotten into their hearts, and the world and the church won't go together very far till one or the other is forsaken—and generally it's the church. A good case of repentance of the sin of omission is good for such Christians and a gracious help to the pastor and church.

(3.) You can help by praying for your pastor every day, lack of which he greatly feels. If all the faithful in our churches would do this, would there be any doubt but that we would have pentecostal feast? Mr. Moody attributed the gracious revival in Liverpool when four hundred were converted in ten days to the prayer of a bed-ridden saint. Somebody has said that revival fires are not kindled up, but prayed down. I believe it. Pray for your pastor that he may preach with power and fervor, such as will meet the hard-hearted sinner and cause him to flee to Jesus. We want more praying in the pew as well as in the pulpit, you may have power with God on your knees. Let us bow our heads and hearts in power for a greater blessing. McComb, Miss.

## Dr. Sproles' Answer.

I had conjectured what it would be. The incarnation of the God-man is of too wonderful secret for finite minds. Just how he became flesh and dwelt among men with a body to grow weary and hungry and thirsty, like our bodies is too wonderful for me, yet I do not think the Scripture fully justifies us in saying he took our nature, for our nature is not only disposed to sin but is in itself sinful. Just here I think so, one of our modern (learned) divines have flourished their idea of Christ being put to the necessity of self-atonement. But I see Bro. S. uses the word "nature" as a matter of accommodation, for, says he, "In writing on the Incarnation, it was intended only to say that the Son of God became a human being in the fullest sense of the

word and 'nature' was employed to express everything which belongs to men, sin excepted." It appears to me that the exception excludes the "nature." Let me emphasize the Scripture quoted by Bro. S.: "The Word was made flesh;" "He took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men;" "For as much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same;" "Wherefore, in all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren."

Nowhere is it said he took our nature, and not having our nature He made no offering for Himself as claimed by some. What I have said is not to invite controversy but to seek light. If I am wrong will Bro. S. or some one lead me to the light?

J. C. FARRAR.

## Do We Pray?

There are many Christians who "say their prayers," but that will not answer the question. It is said that an old man, in giving his experience when joining the church, exclaimed: "Friends, I have been saying my prayers for forty-five years, yet never did pray in my life." This leads to the inquiry, What is prayer? Simply to repeat the form of words that our Savior used to indicate the "manner," is not prayer. True prayer must come from the heart; otherwise it is merely lip-service.

In true prayer there is earnestness; the form of words is not a necessary part, so the meaning is understood. Too many Christians feel that they must pray to the "congregation," and even in family prayer are ashamed to let their children hear them ask the Lord for blessings. Further, some in their private devotions hurry through, without imploring divine aid for the day's duties and kindly protection during the night. The trouble is, we do not pray, and hence our scattering requests go scarcely above our heads. May we not say that the earnest, heartfelt prayer of faith is always heard?

Prayer ought to be the utterance of the desires of the heart. If we want nothing, we will not feel the need of prayer, and that would indicate a very low conception of a Christian life. It could but be evidence of a dead faith; for faith must be followed by obedience, and it is written: "Blessed are they that do his commandments." To do these, we surely need to pray for wisdom, grace and strength. We pray to God, in the name of Jesus Christ, but in order to receive an answer our petitions must be "mixed with faith"—"for without faith it is impossible to please him." An "address to the throne of grace," is not prayer.

Our churches are suffering for the proper exercise of prayer. Indeed, not a few of the stated prayer meetings are addresses to the throne of grace or to congregations. Then in our homes, many fail to erect and keep up the family altar. Secret prayer is too often neglected, and as a consequence God does not "reward us openly." Furthermore, prayer meetings are not taken to the people, hence the "go" of the gospel is not obeyed.

L. A. DUNCAN.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

W. A. S. ROBINSON.

March — Acts 19: 13-20.

## Paul at Ephesus.

Golden Text.—*The name of the Lord was magnified.* Acts 19: 17.

This lesson is in the same chapter as the latter part of last Sunday's lesson and the connection should be studied. Paul's longest unbroken ministry was at Ephesus. After he was driven out of the synagogue he opened a preaching place "in the school (building) of one Tyrannus." The results of his work here were varied. Some believed, "divers were hardened," and as now some gave no heed to the Gospel. So powerfully did Paul preach that "all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord." "And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul," so that if only an article of his clothing was made to touch a sick person the disease, or evil spirit fled. Magic was believed in by nearly every one then, and a multitude regarded Paul as only a superior magician.

13. *Then certain of the vagabond Jews, Jews by blood, but renegades in character. Exorcists. Withcraft and all kindred arts were forbidden by the law" but many Jews practiced them. These seeing Paul do wonders in Jesus' name tried it.*

14. *Seven sons of one Sceva . . . chief of the priests, which did so. Sin is shocking, but when it loses its shame who can name it? These men knew better and for the sake of their position should have done better.*

15. *"The evil spirit answered," some one they were trying to compel to leave a person. "Jesus I know." This evil spirit knew Jesus to be the Son of God and recognized His authority and also knew Paul to be a true disciple, but contemptuously asks who are ye? The spirit knew them, and that they were hypocrites. Let us ever be ready to put down evil and always be sure to have no alliance with it.*

16. *And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them. The one they would hypocritically benefit turns on them to their shame; we may always expect hypocrites to be exposed sooner or later. The man possessed of the evil spirit became very strong and soon overcame them. They fled out of the house naked and wounded. Not of necessity entirely stripped of their cloths.*

17. *This was known to all the Jews and Greeks. The evil spirit making such a demonstration was unusual that it was natural the theme for much talk. And fear fell on them all. Believers in magic are naturally superstitious, but the words of this evil spirit gave greater power to Paul's preaching. Ephesus being controlled by a belief in magic needed a powerful demonstration of its weakness and the Gospel's power. The Lord made His enemies praise Him. The name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. His greatness was admitted by the people. We should count it a very precious privilege to magnify His name.*

18. *And many that believed. Accepted*

Jesus as Lord and Savior, putting entire confidence in Him. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." *Confessed and showed their deeds.* True belief that brings eternal life also produces full confession and real reformation.

19. *Many of them also which used curious arts, magic, jugglery and such arts. Brought their books together and burned them before all men. Things that can only be used for evil need to be legally destroyed, and the instruments of vice belonging to us are to be destroyed, not sold. The price of them . . . fifty thousand pieces of silver. Entire value \$8,000. A large sum but nothing to compare with righteousness, besides things that produce evil have no value—they are worse than worthless.*

20. *So mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed.* It is a blessing to any individual, home or community to come to realize that the Bible is God's Word. We can make the Word prevail by loving righteousness and spurning sin.

## My Rambles.

EDITOR BAPTIST: I thought a month ago I would write you as to my rambles in the North, but cold weather, constant moving and more constant sight-seeing have taken time and attention till I have scarcely done anything by way of correspondence.

My stay in Ohio was short and crisp. The thermometer ran below zero with snow all over everything. We were called for Baltimore unexpectedly. The weather severe, but the outcome of our meetings was of great value to the churches. We spent two weeks in Washington. While it is a hard place, we made steady headway, and expect Bro. Martin who remains over this week, to set Pastor Outwater and his people on foot. One thing about the people north has been a very pleasant surprise to us—they are as social and hospitable after you know them as other folks. When we were gathering up our effects to leave the church in Washington Friday night, the people pressed up to say goodbye till Martin had literally to pull Mrs. Hailey away while I turned and hurried off with a wave to a dozen who were reaching out to shake hands. Southern people often have an idea that northern folks have no time or inclination to be social. It is true that they are inclined to the utilitarian side of life.

We saw sights till the thought of any ordinary one did not even stir a desire to look at it, to say nothing of enthusiasm on the subject. In Washington is a street car labeled "Seeing in Washington," which proposes to show 1,000 points of interest in two hours for 50c. The dry wit of the guide is worth 25c. The cargoes all round Washington and through Georgetown which is a suburb. The guide points out the places most noted and gives the historic facts connected. There are cars for special trips to Mt. Vernon and Arlington also. When the guide to Mt. Vernon told us we were passing over Long Bridge connecting Washington and Virginia, I said, "say, here, my friend; who don't you

tell these folks how the Yankees got over this bridge after the battle of Bull Run?" He said "Yes, I know there are lots of things that ought to be said, but we can't tell of them," and I thought "Selah."

We are now at Hendersonville, N. C., twenty miles from Asheville. It is a summer resort town with all the extra attachments that summer resorters bring. You may guess from that what we have struck. I had a full congregation yesterday and an overflow last night. The people are good listeners, and we are hoping for a great meeting. The former pastor was "broad" and exceeding much "liberal," so we have a double problem here to counteract that and combat the cityishness injected by contact with the pleasure-seeking element from the cities. The present pastor, Love, impresses me as a solid man and a good Baptist.

My next move is to Mobile, thence back to North Carolina, I think. I grow tired of long rides, but I am a man subject to orders, and Tom Martin is a man that does things on a big scale.

Please send my paper here. Regards to Mississippi.

Yours for work,

J. F. HAILEY.

## Natchez.

The College President can serve the College and the cause by getting out occasionally among the people.

This time he has been to Natchez. Surely our cause in that noble city is on a most hopeful basis and we have great reason to be encouraged. Butler has a strong hold. His people think he is a great preacher and a great man. His new wife, too, seems to be an excellent assistant pastor and to have everybody's heart. Bro. Butler has now been pastor three and a half years. When he came he found 125 members and they were discouraged. Now they number 350 and they are busy and hopeful.

Their new church is a beauty. Well, it is not a new church either, except that it is the old one made new. They have repaired and renovated it with excellent wisdom and taste. They now have one of the most beautiful audience halls in the State. It is large, too, and they need it large for their large congregations.

I had delightful entertainment in the home of Bro. Kern, who is himself a Methodist but whose daughter, Miss Katie, is a zealous Baptist. I had supper Sunday evening at Stanton College where my good friend E. Preston has a charming school for girls, with Mrs. Moore, sister to our Mrs. Eager of Clinton, and our Judge Whitfield of Jackson, as the efficient matron.

Oh! I was delighted with Natchez. It is a noble city and our Baptist cause there is surely looking up. Sunday morning was the opening of their new auditorium. The Presbyterian and Methodist pastors both called in their appointments and there was hardly a standing room. The music was fine, the congregation was attentive and the sermon wasn't very long.

This church used to be helped by our

State Mission Board but they pay their own pastor now and pay him promptly and well. This hopeful situation is a monument to the wisdom of our State Mission work.

Yours in the onward movement,

W. T. LOWREY.

March 2, 1903.

*Galatians to Philemon*, is the title of a commentary by Geo. W. Clark, D. D., covering books of the New Testament as indicated. This is one volume of Clark's People's Commentary. Each Gospel is given by the same author in a separate volume, then Acts and Romans, followed by the present volume just from the press. In size and mechanical finish it is in keeping with the preceding volumes. In character of work it easily maintains parity with the excellent volumes which have gone before. The style of the commentary is very similar to that found in Pendleton's Brief Notes. Clark's Commentary is pronounced by some of our strongest men as the very best extant. Dr. Clark is rapidly pushing to completion his work on the remaining books of the New Testament. When the work shall be completed, it will possibly be the best commentary on the New Testament for the cost, this being about \$9.00. for the entire work. We are prepared to fill orders for this work promptly. Published by American Baptist Publication Society.

## A Good Idea and a Good Example.

First, the good idea. The little church at Itta Bena had recently to call a pastor. They had settled on Brother W. R. Cooper, who has a family. The church had no pastor's home, and no suitable house for rent could be found that could be rented at a figure within reach of the small salary offered, and board would be high. It was suggested that the church either build or buy a home for the pastor, borrowing a part, or, if necessary, all of the money, giving a mortgage on the property, with the understanding that the pastor was to pay rent enough to cover interest on the borrowed money and insurance on the building. The suggestion was promptly carried out, a house being bought that answered the purposes; and when the new pastor came he moved at once into the house. This gives the pastor a permanent home and at a much lower rental than he could otherwise get the same accommodations. It also gives the church a home for its pastor, and a home under the control of the church, to be improved and paid for as the church may desire. When the house is paid for the rent to the pastor is to cease. There may be other churches that could put the idea into operation. It is for this reason that I write you about it.

Itta Bena, Jones' Bayou and Maryland Churches unite in calling Brother Cooper. These churches also unite in paying his moving expenses, including traveling expenses for himself and family and freight on household goods. This is the good example referred to in the caption of this article. To me it seems worthy of being fol-

lowed by all our churches. Usually—almost invariably, in fact—this burden is left to be borne by the pastor alone. And, for the pastor, in most instances, this is no small matter, while for the church it would be a mere trifle. It would be a most thoughtful and considerate thing if all our churches in calling a pastor would make a liberal estimate of what the cost of moving would be and send him a check in advance for the amount. I am sure it would be money well invested.

W. M. BURR.

## Notice.

It is rumored that the Baptist people of Oakley have either decided, not to build their church or have put it off indefinitely, for which aid had been asked of and received from the good people of our association.

This is a false report. It would have been built by this time had we been able to secure land on which to build. This is about settled now and the church will be under construction, we hope, in the near future.

It is a sure fact that we are to have a new church, the Lord being willing. We have some money on hand and enough more promised to build us a neat little house of worship. The only reason we have not called on the other churches for the promised amount is as above stated.

Don't worry brethren, you will be waited on soon. Oakley is not dead, but alive and working for the Lord. I thought this explanation necessary under the circumstances as above stated.

Yours in the Lord's work,

W. E. FARR.

Pastor of Oakley Baptist Church.

## A Fifth Sunday Meeting.

Rev. W. J. Derrick, with the writer seeing it well done, has fixed Concord's Fifth Sunday Meeting program. His selection of subjects and speakers, with their arrangement, is magnificent.

Please let every person on the program take notice and appear at 10:30 a. m. Saturday before the fifth Sunday. And let all "load up" before coming and unload on coming. This will be proper and the Lord will help and bless.

Concord's people are good folks and will give as much to eat as will be necessary. And, then, we do appreciate good work done by others!

Come over, brethren, and let's honor the Lord. If the sun shines, the house will be packed Sunday. Amen!

J. E. PHILLIPS.

## To the Pearl Leaf Association.

DEAR BRETHREN:

I have consented to act as Vice-President for Foreign Missions in the bounds of the Pearl Leaf Association.

I am a busy pastor and have no time to visit among you, and I find no organized Fifth Sunday Meetings, so I take this method of calling the attention of pastors

and churches to the importance of taking collections for our Foreign Mission at once. The books will close the Conventional year with April—leaving us only two months to get our offerings in.

Mississippi has been asked to raise \$13,000 this year for Foreign Missions. We ought to do it—and more, but all our churches must help if we reach these figures. Let our motto be an offering from every member of every church in the Association. If any pastor or member needs facts and figures in regard to our foreign work, if he will drop me a postal I will be glad to furnish him.

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My work is moving along nicely. We have four candidates awaiting baptism at Liberty, Amite county, one at Mt. Zion, Franklin county, and one here, and others to come soon. God is greatly blessing our work for which we are grateful. We beg your earnest prayers for our work.

Fraternally,

J. B. QUIN.

A few cases of smallpox in Georgetown, at Meridian, have interfered with Sunday School and church services there; but Seventh Avenue has not suspended. The sanctified folks are not keeping open doors; but the recently appointed Methodist minister for that field is industriously visiting.



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### Constitutional Prohibition.

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We do not believe in the union of church and State, but we believe in the State coerced by the conscience of the Christian people. Constitutional prohibition starts out with an appeal to the legislature to submit the question to the people. It does not start with

an appeal to the conscience. In laboring for constitutional prohibition we go to the legislature and say, "Gentlemen, submit. I do not mean submit to anything else but the question." They say, "We do not believe in prohibition." Our reply is, "Do you believe in the people? if so, put it before the people." Then comes the moral question of the issue.

We asked our present representative what he thought of the action of the State prohibition mass meeting? his reply was "I think they might as well have stayed at home and not gone up there." We asked him why he thought so and he said: "Getting an amendment is a hard thing to do, what they should have asked for was statutory prohibition." We told him they did just what they should have done, that was the best thing they could get adopted and have the support of all the State and harmony in the mass meeting and that we must have, that we will get constitutional prohibition and when we get that we will have something. He said: "Yes, it will be as hard to repeal as it was to get it." It will take work to secure the legislature that will submit the question and when it is submitted to the people it will take work to carry it.

We think the executive committee Bro. Fitzhugh appoints, should have a representative of the Anti-saloon league to come into the State and organize a league in every hamlet.

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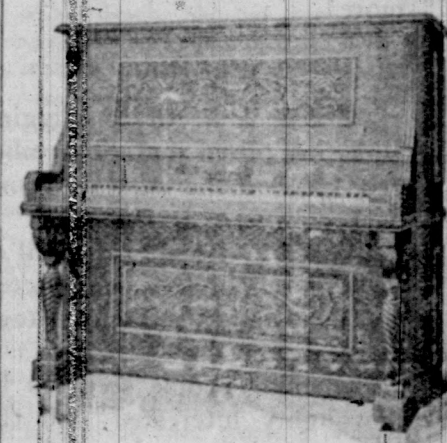
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## WOMAN'S WORK.

### Woman's Central Committee:

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[All communications for this department should be sent to Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Clinton, Miss., who conducts the Woman's Page.]

### Program, March 1903.

Subject—The Colored People.  
Every effort is an obligation. The aspect may be dark, but the prospect is always bright because God goes before us.

1. Praise Service of Song.—Invite young people from the Sunday School to be present, and to sing one or two choruses at intervals during the meeting.

2. Chain of Prayer.—For higher conception of duty to our young people, towards all whom we have opportunity of serving.

3. The Duty of Helpfulness.—Rom. 15:1; Prov. 8:27; Rom. 14:7-10; Isa. 35:3, 5, 8; Acts 8:20-40.

4. Narrative Reading.—"Jack Nazarene," by H. A. Schupp.

5. Item for Lesson.—Dr. Moffat, one of the pioneer missionaries in Africa, said long ago, "I would rather have one black missionary in Africa than twelve white missionaries." The present movements of Colored People for the Christian development of their race seem to be in accordance with his judgment.

6. "A Significant Gathering."—See Our Home Field, September, 1902.

7. Minutes of Last Meeting, etc. Reports "Week of Service."

8. Consider Appointment of a Secretary of Literature. She should be furnished with a scrap-book to contain clippings collected by herself and others bearing on the topic. "Papers" written by members of the Society should be kept, also a file of "Our Home Field" and "Foreign Missions Journal" for reference.

9. Lesson.—"A View of the Negro Question," by Dr. B. Gambrell.

10. An Address for next meeting, "Italy," asking each to bring an item. Adjourn with prayer.

### Mr. Jas. P. Eagle.

The Baptist women of the South have sustained a great

loss in the death of Mrs. Mary Kavanaugh Eagle.

This sad event occurred at her home in Little Rock, Arkansas, February 15th, 1903. She was a Kentuckian by birth, the daughter of H. K. Oldham, of Richmond, Ky. In 1882 she was married to Rev. James P. Eagle, of Arkansas, who afterwards became Governor of that State, and is at present the honored president of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, and also of the Southern Baptist Convention.

From the date of her removal to Arkansas her life was wrought into the history of that State. Beautiful in person, strong intellectually, highly cultivated, with heart subdued to the will of Christ, and in sympathy with whatever is best for man. She devoted all beauty, intellectuality, culture, to the cause of Christianity. In all her husband's responsibilities in high places she was his active, sympathetic, courageous friend and helpmeet. She was president of the Woman's Central Committee of her own State and was prominent in the meetings and work of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Such a life cannot be in vain. The memory of it will surely be sweet and comforting to her beloved and honored husband; and we who knew her shall be strengthened and encouraged by its singleness of purpose, its consecration to Christ.

J. L. J.

### Our Monthly Topic.

#### Colored People.

WORK AMONG NEGROES. They are turning to us for help as never before since the war. On the plea of poverty, we can no longer excuse ourselves. The existence of nearly ten millions of

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negroes in our midst and in the condition in which they are is not a fact which can be ignored. The co-operative work of the Home Board with the Home Mission Society needs to be supplemented in some other way. Convention Report.

COLORED PEOPLE IN INDIAN TERRITORY. When the Indians now occupying the Territory were moved by the government from their former homes, many of them were slave owners. The condition of those whose masters were savage was deplorable, and we can see the result of it among the colored people now in the Territory. Indisposition to work is the feature of their life, though land is available to the negro of Indian Territory under easy terms. When the history of missionary work among the negroes is written, the heroic efforts of the pioneer missionaries in the Indian Territory and their self-sacrifice will shine like stars. We know of it, thinking, possibly, that such lives are only lived in the heart of Africa.

Through Rev. Alexander R. a Presbyterian missionary, the original Jubilee Singers are indebted to Uncle Wallace and Aunt Minerva, two aged negroes in Indian Territory, for six of their plantation songs, two of which were, "Steal Away to Jesus" and "I'm a-rolling, I'm a-rolling." Mr. Reid happened to be in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1881, when the Jubilee Singers were there for the first time. Learning that they had a very limited number of songs, although a musician himself, he taught them the songs which he had learned from the old ex-slaves when he labored in Indian Territory. Fisk University certainly is greatly indebted for "Steal Away to Jesus," as it was the most popular song ever sung by the Jubilee Singers.

SIGNS OF PROGRESS. The National Baptist Convention (colored) in three years increased its constituency from 6,000 to 854,600.

A publishing house supplying quite 10,000 Sunday Schools in this country and across the seas, and giving employment to scores of negro boys and girls is part of its work.

A Foreign Mission Board in

der whose auspices nineteen missionaries labor in heathen lands, is the fruit of but five short years. When we consider the condition of the people to whom appeals are made to support the missionaries, how great are the results! The Home Board of the National Baptist Convention appealed last year to the Home Mission Board, S. B. C. for an appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars to aid in the employment of two colored women to labor among the colored people. The amount needed was given for this special purpose by a lady in Maryland. In referring to the gift, the Corresponding Secretary of the Colored Women's organization writes: "Southern white women, among whom most of us live and labor, have convinced us, once for all, that they have hearts that can be touched with our needs, if we only demonstrate a desire to help ourselves. We are most thankful."

TWO AFRICANS FOR AFRICA. The Presbyterian Church, South, is sending to Luabo, its flourishing mission on the Upper Kongo, Dr. L. A. DeYampert and Miss Alta Brown, both colored. The American Missionary says of her: "Miss Brown is well prepared in every particular for this missionary service. She was trained in the public schools of Mississippi as a child, and came to Fisk University in early womanhood. She completed a course of study in this institution struggling against poverty and overcoming many difficulties. She taught during vacations, and in this way not only supported herself in her student life, but also accomplished an important work in a neglected community."

Dr. DeYampert is a graduate of Tusculum Institute, a school sustained by the Southern Presbyterian Church. He has qualified himself to go as a medical missionary. His early training, however, was at Burrell School, Selma, Alabama, one of the chain of such institutions supported by the American Missionary Association.

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## TEMPERANCE.

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### State Prohibition Mass Meeting, Etc.

The New Orleans papers and especially the Picayune, gives a full account of the meeting. It will be quite a disappointment to some of the prohibitionists, country newspapers and politicians that there was not a split and a wrangle. While it looks so plain to me that we could have secured statutory prohibition at the next session of the legislature and it would have been good for four years anyway and then had constitutional but while I go into a fight I do all I can to carry it as I see it and if I am outvoted I yield to the majority, and I do in this since a platform has been adopted by the meeting I shall get on it and work for it. The delegates from Wayne, Jasper, Jones and Lauderdale counties were prevented from being at the meeting on account of washouts on the A. & V. railroad.

We must elect a governor that will submit to the short session a recommendation to the legislature for a statute in case the amendment is carried which no doubt it will be. Dr. Fitzhugh was my man for chairman and B. T. Hobbs for secretary. I was glad to see so many ladies in the meeting. The present representative is announced for re-election is a pronounced prohi and he has an opponent that is also. Both the candidates for the Senate from this Clarke and Jasper counties are staunch prohibitionists and both good senatorial timber. Rev. D. Russell of Birmingham, Ala., Superintendent of the American Anti-saloon league, is organizing branches in Alabama. In an address in Mobile he made some startling

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statements, among them being that for "two hundred years there had not been a man engaged in the whisky business who had not personally or through his close relations, come either to poverty or disgrace." He said that "if the United States hugs this shame to her bosom, God, in his wrath, will some day, as he did Babylon, wipe out our fair country from the face of the earth?" I wish we had branches in Mississippi, they are doing fine work in Texas.

### The New Canteen Bill.

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Isn't the instigator of crime equally or more guilty than the person who committed the deed?

Do we not say in granting license to a saloon that it is a legitimate business and shall have the protection of the State?

Isn't there a conflict in a law that hangs murderers, sends gamblers and those who carry weapons with which to commit murder to the farm, and protects the stuff that puts murder and crime in the heart with a license?

W. S. RITNOUR.

Senator A. J. McLaurin is opposed to the restoration of the canteen in the Army posts throughout the country, and in favor of the government being prohibited from issuing privilege tax in prohibited districts.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Cumming of Mobile, writes me that he regards the anti-saloon league as the coming organization through which to work.

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### Personal.

—There were present in the Sunday-school of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, last Sunday, 17.

—We are constantly receiving new books and increasing our stock of old ones. See for Catalogue.

—Dr. W. H. Rea, a prominent member of the church at Summit, died on the morning of February 27, 1903.

—The Worker's Conference of the Mississippi Baptist Association will be held at Mar's Hill Church, March 28, 29.

—On the 3rd inst. local option superceded the State-wide law against the liquor traffic in the state of Vermont.

—Dr. R. E. Woodard's advertisement in another column should be read by every sufferer of the dread disease for which it is a specific.

—Rev. B. L. Mitchell leaves Moss Point and accepts the pastorate at Livingston, Ala. We regret to lose Bro. Mitchell from the ministerial ranks of Mississippi. He is a good man.

—The Homiletic Review, always worth one's attention, is especially rich in its contents for March. It would indeed be a great blessing if our preachers could possess themselves of this magazine.

—Rev. H. P. Hest, Kosciusko, Miss. "The story is so very fascinating, one does not wish to turn it loose until he has finished reading it. I hope every Baptist preacher in our State will get Booth Lowrey's great book and study it."

—The celebrated stammerer curer, Dr. G. W. Randolph, will only remain here a short time longer. Do not delay your visit to him, as you might be too late. He has just this morning cured three young men who certify that his treatment is perfectly easy.

—Governor Long has determined to make the race for United States Senator. He has given Mississippi a clean gubernatorial administration and no doubt would make a good record in the Senate. Being well and favorably known in the State he will in all probability outstrip his opponent for this position.

—It might prove a real misfortune for any afflicted subscriber to fail to read the large advertisement of Dr. Jesse R. Jones of this city, found every week in these columns. Apart from his very extensive knowledge of *medicina medica* and his large experience in the art curative, he is a man of sterling character morally and religiously.

—Mr. P. E. Glenn, a traveling man remarked in our presence a few days since that he had recently attended prayer meeting in Bro. McComb's church at Gloster, and that he had in all his travels from ocean to ocean never seen quite the enthusiasm manifested there, was shown that night. Think of it, brethren, 130 present at prayer meeting.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Hobson, teacher of Oratory, Southwestern Baptist University, Jackson, Tenn. Prof. Booth Lowrey's new book is beautifully designed, comprehensive and to the point. It will be worth millions to the honest, earnest student who are trying to develop themselves along that line.

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—Baptists are to be congratulated on the fact that notwithstanding the sharp and sometimes unscrupulous competition of undenominational houses, the periodicals of the American Baptist Publication Society are not only holding their own but are making substantial advances. More periodicals were published and sold last quarter than ever before. This fact proves the strength of Baptist convictions and the general loyalty of the denomination to the faith of the fathers. Not a few of the schools which were deceived by the plea of cheapness and the offer of sensational literature have returned to their old time allegiance. It is very gratifying to know that the periodicals of the Publication Society were never better or more widely used.

—The "Gospel in All Lands," E. K. Smith, D. D., editor, was published in New York previous to July, 1902, and in this city since that date. Its regular edition for more than a score of years past has been from twelve to fourteen thousand copies each issue till within a few months past, when it sank to ten thousand, and although still on a paying basis, its editor prefers now to be relieved from all the care of publication details and to devote his entire time to editorial and literary work. He will henceforth become the regular missionary editor of The Christian Work and Evangelist each week. Moreover, on the first issues of each month, he will contribute from four

to eight extra pages of the latest news from the missionary field. We feel that we are now entering upon a larger field, and expect that every subscriber will be more than satisfied by the action which we have just taken.

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